and others based at Anara, District Purulia, West Bengal for opening a branch of a public sector bank at the centre.

(b) The application will be examined by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the ensuing Branch Licensing Policy which is being finalised by them. However, the centre Anara is presently served by a branch of the Mallabhum Gramin Bank.

(c) to (e) Regional Rural Banks are permitted to undertake transactions relating to drawing of pay, making of drafts, collection of cheques, etc., except locker facility, and the separate or special permission of the Government of India is not necessary. The Anara Branch of the Mallabhum Gramin Bank can undertake these facilities subject to their administrative convenience.

Removal of discrimination in respect of special duty allowance

3409. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation of Central Government employees of North Eastern Region, Shillong met him on 17th August, 1990 in conection with removal of discrimination in respect of grant of Special Duty Allowance being granted to certain categories of employees of Central Government working in N.E. Region; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to remove the discrimination and to rationalise the scheme of Special Duty Allowance ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special (Duty) Allowance has been granted as an incentive for attracting and retaining the services of competent officer's having all India transfer liability, on posting in North Eastern Region. However, over the years due to various reasons including Court judgements, it has een extended to some other categories of Central Government employees who were not initially intended to be covered under the scheme. The scheme is being reviewed to ensure that the benefit of Special (Duty) Allowance is given to only those categories for whom it was intended.

Payment of dues to the retired employees of State Bank of Indore branches in Delhi

3410. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of clerks typists/Head clerks whose services were terminated or who voluntarily retired during November, 1987 to June, 1988 in the State Bank of Indore branches of Delhi, who have not been paid their Provident fund/gratuity dues despite a lapse of more than three years after their retirement/termination;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in payment of such dues; and

(c) what action has been taken to ensure payment of their dues without further delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) *Information is* being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and feasible.

Man Power Planning, Traning and Development Division in ITDC

3411. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any 'man-power planning, training and development division in ITDC;

(b) if so, what has been its annual manpower forecasting/planning, placement and developmental activities during sixth and seventh plan periods upto December, 1989 and the amount spent on each of these activities during the said period; and

(c) what is the number of executives and non-executives categorywise and unit/divisionwise who have been recruited/selected, trained and placed against the permanent sanctioned posts in different units/divisions of ITDC during the above period and as based on the ITDC's Manpower Planning/forecasting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) to

(c) There is a Training/HRD Division in the ITDC which *inter-alia* imparts training to new entrants, persons selected under career Development Scheme, Apprentices and organises in service/ refresher courses for non executive employees of Hotel & Catering Establishments. inhouse training programmes, seminars. etc. This division is also responsible for nomination of officials to professional courses.

Information regarding number of trainees annually recruited trained and placed against sanctioned posts as per forecast on yearly basis, of Hotels and Personnel Divisions and the amount spent on training and manpower development programmes during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV Annexure No. 120] Information regarding man-power forecast based on the Plan Schemes completed during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans and scheme/unitwise recruitment made etc is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV Annexure No. 121].

Grant of Cash Compensatory support for the Export of Drugs

3412. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 955 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th May, 1990 and state :

(a) what was the export of each of the companies of each drug during the years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90;

(b) whether it is a fact that total imports were not taken into consideration;

(c) what was the import of each company against the export of each drug during each of the above mentioned years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there was value loss in terms of import content in export of these drugs; and

(e) what was the magnitude of this loss and what were the considerations and basis on which CCS was granted on these drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) The fob value of export of Pyrazinamide, Erythromycin, Ethambutol HCL and Ampicillin Trihydrate reported during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given below :—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the drug	fob value of exports		
	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1. Pyrazinamide	25.51	48.46	38.40
2. Erythromycin	363.29	473.10	872.10
3. Ethambutol HCL	753.86	708.21	898.43
4. Ampicillin Trihydrate	657.28	1707.80	2724.58

(*Source* : Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council).

The Council has reported that it does not maintain statistics of each of the drugs exported company-wise.

(b) to (e) Export production may be undertaken by importing raw materials under the advance licensing scheme or under Open General Licence (OGL). OGL imports are not monitored. Import Export balancing and monitoring do not lend themselves to being carried out on a practical basis item by item and product wise within a firm's overall operations. In the case of the Advance Licensing Scheme, the quantum of raw materials allowed for import is dtermined on the basis of input-output norms prescribed and a minimum value addition is specified for achievement. The question of any foreign exchange loss in such cases, therefore, does not arise.